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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

WILSON ET AL.

Examiner

LoAn H. Thanh

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 01/16/07, 07/13/07, 08/16/07.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The objection to the specification has been withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment filed 01/16/07.

The rejection under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph has been withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment filed 01/16/07.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 01/16/07, 07/13/07 and 08/16/07 filed after the first office action on the merits. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner is considering the information disclosure statement.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mahurkar et al. (US 5,221,255) .

Mahurkar et al. discloses a method of inserting a multi-lumen catheter comprising the steps of making an insertion incision , inserting a distal portion of the multi-lumen

catheter tube into the catheterized area , creating a subcutaneous tunnel , routing the distal portion of the multi-lumen catheter tube and attaching the proximal portion of the catheter tube to a device. See figures 1-7, 13-44. See col. 9 lines 3-35.

Claims 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Abrahamson (WO 97/22374).

Abrahamson discloses a multi-lumen catheter used in combination with the method steps comprising making an insertion , inserting the distal portion of the multi-lumen catheter tube and routing the distal portion of through the subcutaneous tunnel and attaching the first end of the detachable extension tube. The method steps are further disclosed in US 5,403,291, which was incorporated. See page 9 ,lines 17. See figures 7-17. Abrahamson discloses extension tubes 18, 20 connected to connectors 37,38 which are in fluid communication with catheter tube 12 having at least 2 lumen 24,26. Clamps 42, 44 are for engaging and disengaging extension tube to prevent or allow fluid flow. The gripping portion of the tubes are shown at the proximal portions of the extension tubes by the luer connectors 43,45. See columns 9-18.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 01/16/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The art rejection as applied to claims 1-15 have been withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment to the claims. However, art rejection applied to claim 16 is

being maintained since haemodialysis is performed by both prior art. Further, claim 16 appears to be broad .

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LoAn H. Thanh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4966. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. (First Friday off).

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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